1 Honorable Barbara J. Rothstein 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 8 FREDRICK and ANNALESA THOMAS; and 9 JO-HANNA READ, as Guardian ad Litem of E.T., a minor, 10 Plaintiffs, 11 Nos. 3:15-05346 BJR 3:16-cy-05392 v. CONSOLIDATED CASES 12 JASON CANNON; BRIAN MARKERT; 13 RYAN MICENKO; MICHAEL WILEY; DECLARATION OF JANET DIAZ IN MICHAEL ZARO; CITY OF FIFE; CITY OF SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' PETITION LAKEWOOD; and PIERCE COUNTY FOR REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES 14 METRO SWAT TEAM. AND COSTS 15 Defendants. 16 FREDRICK THOMAS and ANNALESA 17 THOMAS, as Co-Administrators of the Estate of Leonard Thomas, and its statutory 18 beneficiaries, 19 Plaintiffs, 20 v. 21 BRIAN MARKERT; MICHAEL WILEY; NATHAN VANCE; MICHAEL ZARO; 22 SCOTT GREEN; JÉFF RACKLEY; CITY OF 23 FIFE; CITY OF LAKEWOOD; PIERCE COUNTY METRO SWAT TEAM; and JOHN DOES 1 through 10, 24 25 Defendants. 26 27 DECLARATION OF JANET DIAZ RE:

MOTION FOR FEES AND COSTS - 1

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I, Janet Diaz, declare as follows:

- 1. I am over the age of 18 and am competent to testify.
- 2. I am the Director of Administration at MacDonald Hoague & Bayless ("MHB"), and have held that position since October, 2016. Previously, I was the Office Administrator at the Houston, Texas office of Baker Botts, a global AMLAW 50 law firm. Before that I served as Chief of Staff to the Hon. Ted Poe, Congressman from Texas and spent over 20 years with the Houston Bar Association. I am a long-time active member of the Association of Legal Administrators and have served as a Peer Assistance Review Consultant for the American Bar Association.
- 3. On July 31, 2017, I was asked by Tim Ford, a Director at MHB, to gather details regarding fee rates for lawyers in comparable firms in the Seattle, Washington area. I obtained the following information in The American Lawyer, an often used source by legal administrators.

Seattle													
City	2011	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017e	
	Rate	Rate	%	Rate	%	Rate	%	Rate	%	Rate	%	Rate	%
AMLAW (101-200)							·-··						
Senior Partner	\$513	\$565	10%	\$588	4%	\$610	4%	\$628	3%	\$641	2%	\$692	8%
Partner	\$359	\$374	4%	\$390	4%	\$405	4%	\$417	3%	\$425	2%	\$457	8%
Counsel	\$350	\$365	4%	\$380	4%	\$393	3%	\$405	3%	\$413	2%	\$444	8%
Senior Associate	\$246	\$250	2%	\$335	34%	\$390	16%	\$402	3%	\$410	2%	\$424	3%
Associate	\$302	\$320	6%	\$333	4%	\$347	4%	\$357	3%	\$364	2%	\$402	10%
Overall	\$354	\$375	6%	\$405	8%	\$429	6%	\$442	3%	\$451	2%	\$484	7%

4. To generate this chart, over hundreds of pages of data were reviewed to locate information specific to our region of the country and to firms of a similar size and/or legal caliber. To further narrow the data, I sorted it by the category of law firms between the 101st and 200th largest grossing nationally for comparison, and although MHB is a significantly smaller sized firm, I believe the qualifications and skills of MHB lawyers are at least equivalent to those of such mid-sized national firms.

- 5. The above information is consistent with my impression and belief that the billing rates charged by MHB lawyers are low relative to the attorneys of similar skill and qualifications involved in federal litigation I have been familiar with elsewhere.
- 6. I also know from participating in the management of the firm that MHB's hourly billing rates are also reasonable and necessary to maintain the firm's finances, in light of the considerable costs, risks, and competition involved in a big city litigation practice.

I swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the above is true to the best of my knowledge.

DATED at Seattle, Washington, this 1st day of August, 2017.

/s/ Janet Diaz	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE									
I certify that on the 1 ST day of August, 2017, I filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court									
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